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RESOLUTION

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1. SUMMARY. AFTER THREE FULL DAYS OF DISCUSSION
BETWEEN CO-SPONSORS OF MTN RES A/C.2/1357 AND INTERESTED
DELS, LANGUAGE IN SEVERAL PREAMBULAR PARAS HAS
BEEN ALTERED, BUT DISCUSSIONS HAVE REACHED NO
CONCLUSION ON MAJOR DIFFICULTIES IN OP PARAS. WHILE
PROBLEMS OF EC-9 AND JAPAN NOT COMPLETELY IDENTICAL
TO THOSE OF USDEL, THEY SHARE OUR SERIOUS OBJECTION
TO OP PARAS 4 AND 5. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PREAMBULAR PARAS, CHANGES REQUESTED IN PARAS
2 AND 5 REFTEL HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY CO-SPONSORS.

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LIKEWISE IN FIRST PREAMBULAR PARA THE WORD "DEADLINE"

HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE WORD "SCHEDULE".

3. OP PARA 2, AS YET UNAGREED UPON, HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBJECT OF FOUR HOURS DISCUSSION. USDEL SUGGESTED CHANGE REQUESTED IN PARA 7 REFTEL, BUT THIS SUGGESTION RECEIVED NO AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE FROM CO-SPONSORS. MEANWHILE FRANCE SPEAKING FOR EC-9, SUGGESTED THREE CHANGES:

(A) REPLACE THE PHRASE IN THE FIRST LINE "THE ESCALATION" WITH THE PHRASE "AN ESCALATION";

(B) ADD BEFORE THE PHRASE "FROM HAVING RECOURSE" TO PHRASE "AND URGES ALL COUNTRIES TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO ABSTAIN";

(C) DELETE PHRASE "OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER AFFECTS ADVERSELY".

EC-9 SEEMS PARTICULARLY FIRM ON SUGGESTIONS (B) AND (C), NEITHER OF WHICH SEEM LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED IN THEIR PRESENT FORM. GIVEN OBLIGATION ASSUMED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES UNDER ARTICLE 37 OF GATT, CO-SPONSORS UNWILLING TO REPLACE PHRASE "DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" BY ALL COUNTRIES IN SECOND LINE OF OP PARA 2.

4. BRAZIL SUBMITTED NEW OP PARA 3. TEXT FOLLOWS:
"STRESSES THE NEED FOR THE FULL AND EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ALL AREAS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AND NORMATIVE ASPECTS OF THE INSTRUMENTS FOR WORLD TRADE, SO AS TO INSURE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO THOSE COUNTRIES."

5. POLAND SUBMITTED PROPOSAL FOR NEW OP PARA 4. TEXT FOLLOWS: "CONSIDERS THAT THE MTN SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE TRADE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES."

6. BRAZILIAN REP FURTHER REWORDED PRESENT OP PARA 3 AFTER DECRYING LIMITATIONS ON IMPORTS OF BRAZILIAN FOOTWEAR INTO U.S. TEXT OF NEW WORDING FOLLOWS: "URGES THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECENTLY INTRODUCED OR IMPOSED IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ADVERSELY AFFECTING PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND IN PARTICULAR RESTRICTIONS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST SUCH COUNTRIES, TO ELIMINATE THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

7. WHILE DISCUSSION ON FINAL TWO OP PARAS (DISCUSSED IN PARAS 9 AND 10 REFTEL) HAVE NOT YET SHOWN

THEM AMENABLE TO A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION,
EC-9 REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING PROPOSING THAT PRESENT
OP PARA FOUR BE REWORDED AS PREAMBULAR PARA AND
REPLACED BY OP PARA 2 OF TDB RES 116 (XIV). EC-9
POSITION ON OP PARAS 5, NOT YET DISCUSSED PUBLICLY,
IS THAT WHILE NOTHING CAN PREVENT THE GA FROM INVITING
THE DG OF GATT AND THE SYG OF UNCTAD FOR REPORTS,
THE SUBJECT OF THE REPORTS MUST BE LIMITED TO THE
PROGRESS MADE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ACHIEVED RATHER
THAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES.

8. CONSULTATIONS TO CONTINUE NOVEMBER 6. INSTRUCTIONS
REQUIRED ON PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN PARAS 4, 5 AND 6.
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